



## NOVENA ROSE PRAYER

May be recited at any time of the year  
for nine consecutive days



## Novena

The word Novena derives its name from the Latin word "novem" meaning "nine." A novena can be either a private or public devotion in the Catholic Church to obtain special graces.

### Novena Rose Prayer

O Little Therese of the Child Jesus  
Please pick for me a rose  
from the heavenly garden  
and send it to me  
as a message of love.

O Little Flower of Jesus,  
ask God to grant the favors  
I now place with confidence  
in your hands

( mention your special prayer request here )

St. Therese, help me to always believe  
as you did, in God's great love for me,  
so that I may imitate your "Little Way" each day.

Amen

*There is one **ONLY THING** to do here below: to love Jesus, to win souls for Him so that He may be loved. -St. Therese*

St. Therese of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face (also known as The Little Flower) was born Marie-Francois Therese Martin on January 2, 1873 in Alencon, France. Raised in a virtuous and loving environment by Louis and Zélie Martin, Therese showed great devotion at a very early age. She had 4 sisters; one became a Visitation sister, and the other three entered the Carmel where she would also live.

Therese was four years old when her mother died, and the period following was one of great suffering for her; she became extremely sensitive and painfully shy. At the age of ten, Therese became mysteriously ill, but she was miraculously cured shortly thereafter by the Blessed Mother. At the age of 14, Therese experienced what she called her "conversion" and was freed of her sensitiveness, thereby able to grow closer to God with no consideration for herself. At the young age of fifteen, Therese entered the Carmelite cloister in Lisieux, France. She became mistress of novices at the age of 20. Within the Carmel, Therese grew in love and sanctity, perfecting her "Little Way" of consecrating to God everything she did, no matter how trivial.

In obedience to her superior, Therese composed her autobiography, now known as the Story of a Soul, perhaps the most beloved spiritual work of the Church, after the Bible. At the age of 22, Therese contracted tuberculosis. She died on September 30, 1897 at the age of 24. She was canonized by Pope Pius XI in 1925. Therese is referred to as the greatest saint of modern times. She is the patroness of the Missions. Her feast day is October 1.